

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 DUBLIN 01818 061706Z

46

ACTION SCCT-01

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 USSS-00 SY-05 SSO-00 NSCE-00

INRE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 DHA-02

IO-10 SCA-01 FBIE-00 A-01 OPR-02 /091 W

----- 007812

R 061626Z OCT 75

FM AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7263

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMCONSUL BELFAST

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

UNCLAS DUBLIN 1818

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT PFOR EI UK (NI)

SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF DUTCH BUSINESSMAN

REF: DUBLIN 1812

1. AS OF MID-AFTERNOON OCT. 6 THERE HAVE BEEN FEW NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE KIDNAPPING OF DUTCH BUSINESSMAN DR. T. HERREMA. LAST CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS WAS A CALL ON FRIDAY, OCT. 3, TO THE DUTCH EMBASSY IN WHICH THE SAME DEMANDS WERE MADE AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL.

2. THE PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN ("POLITICAL" WING OF THE PROVISIONAL IRA) HAS DENIED "REPUBLICAN" RESPONSIBILITY, BUT MOST OBSERVERS HERE INCLUDING JUSTICE MINISTER COONEY STILL BELIEVE PROVISIONAL IRA INVOLVED, PERHAPS A SPLINTER GROUP NOT AMENABLE TO CONTROL FROM DUBLIN HEADQUARTERS. THE GOI HAS REITERATED SEVERAL TIMES DURING WEEKEND ITS STRONG STAND AGAINST GIVING IN TO KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS. AN EARLIER NEWS STORY THAT DUTCH PREMIER DEN UYL HAD SENT A TELEGRAM TO IRISH PREMIER COSGRAVE URGING HIM TO "SAVE THE LIFE" OF HERREMA HAS BEEN DENIED BY THE GOI MTHE FAMILY AND COMPANY OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED PUBLICLY THAT THEY ARE WILLING

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 DUBLIN 01818 061706Z

TO PAY A MONETARY RANSOM, AND THE GOI HAS STATED IT HAS NO

OBJECTIONS.

3. REACTION THROUGHOUT IRELAND HAS BEEN ANGRY, BECAUSE THIS AFFAIR IS SEEN TO DIRECTLY THREATEN JOBS OF IRISHMEN AS FOREIGN FIRMS WILL BE RELUCTANT TO INVEST. THE IRISH POLICE AND ARMY ARE ENGAGED IN MASSIVE SWEEPS IN THE LIMERICK AREA, BUT SO FAR WITH VIRTUALLY NO SUCCESS.

4. INCIDENTALLY, PARA THREE OF REFTEL SHOULD BE CORRECTED. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THAT A FOREIGN BUSINESSMAN HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED IN THE REPUBLIC FOR POLITICAL REASONS DURING THE RECENT TROUBLES. EARL AND LADY DONOUGHMORE WERE KIDNAPPED IN JUNE, 1974, OSTENSIBLY BY AN IRA GROUP THOUGH NO RANSOM DEMANDS WERE MADE. THEY WERE RELEASED UNHARMED. ALSO A RETIRED JUDGE WAS KIDNAPPED EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT THE JOB WAS BUNGLED AND HE GOT AWAY - PROVENANCE OF HIS KIDNAPPERS IS NOT KNOWN. CURLEY

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: BUSINESSMEN, KIDNAPPING, CIVIL DISORDERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 06 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975DUBLIN01818
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750346-0672
From: DUBLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751079/aaaacssw.tel
Line Count: 77
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SCCT
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 DUBLIN 1812
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: buchant0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 NOV 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 NOV 2003 by MaustMC>; APPROVED <20 JAN 2004 by buchant0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KIDNAPPING OF DUTCH BUSINESSMAN
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, EI, UK, (HERREMA, T)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006